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1. AT THE JUNE 15 SPC, FOUR DELEGATIONS--US, FRG, ITALY,
AND THE NETHERLANDS--GAVE THEIR PRELIMINARY REACTIONS
TO THE EASTERN COUNTERPROPOSAL (REF A). IN ALL CASES,
THESE COMMENTS CLEARLY FORESHADOWED, OR WERE IDENTICAL
TO, THE FORMAL STATEMENTS DELIVERED BY PERMREPS AT THE
JUNE 16 NAC (REF B).

2. US REP DREW EXTENSIVELY ON REF C. FRG AND ITALIAN
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COMMENTS WERE GENERALLY CAUTIOUS AND CRITICAL (PARAS 3
AND 8, REF B). DUTCH REMARKS WERE CONSIDERABLY MORE
POSITIVE (PARA 11, REF B), PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS THE
ISSUE OF COLLECTIVITY. THIS PRECIPITATED A VIGOROUS
EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE DUTCH AND FRG REPS, LATER
REFLECTED IN THE DEBATE OVER INCLUSION OF THE WORD
"COLLECTIVITY" IN THE NATO CONTINGENCY PRESS STATEMENT

(REF D).

3. OTHER DELEGATIONS WERE WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS AND WERE INVITED TO COMMENT AT THE NEXT SPC MEETING JUNE 22. SPC WILL ALSO DISCUSS AHG REPORT TO THE NAC AT ITS NEXT SESSION (REF E) AND WARMLY WELCOMED US OFFER TO PROVIDE PRELIMINARY EVALUATION PAPER (REF C). THERE WERE EFFORTS TO LAUNCH AN INDEPENDENT WORKING GROUP ANALYSIS OF THE COUNTERPROPOSAL, BUT THESE HAVE BEEN PLACED IN ABEYANCE PENDING RECEIPT OF US CONTRIBUTION. GLITMAN

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